

## REPORTS

### Symposium on History of Mathematics and Mathematics Teaching

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During the first weekend in April of 1993, mathematicians and historians of mathematics gathered to hold a special symposium in honour of Jaroslav Folta, a historian of mathematics at the Institute of History of the Academy of Science of the former Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (CSSR) in Prague. The participants came from the Czech and Slovak Republics, from Austria and the Federal Republic of Germany, and from the United Kingdom and France.

DAVID KING (Frankfurt/Main) opened the Symposium with a lecture on different systems of numbers developed in the 13th and 14th century and a comparison of these systems.

HANS WUSSING (Leipzig) discussed the “Coss” by Adam Ries, published in 1992 in honor of his 500th birthday, and new researches about results in the development of algebra by Adam Ries.

IVAN NETUKA (Prague) talked about the history of the Dirichlet problem and its development by Bernhard Riemann, Karl Weierstrass, and Carl Neumann.

JAROSLAV FOLTA (Prague) presented the history of mathematics in the former CSSR, its institutions, persons, and results, and its problems under the new conditions.

JIRI VESELY (Prague) spoke about the possibilities for history of mathematics to become a subject of teaching at the universities.

CATHERINE GOLDSTEIN (Paris) gave a comparison with the situation in France, describing the history and work of the Institute for Research and Education of Mathematics in France.

JIM RITTER (Paris) also talked about the system of mathematics teaching in France and compared it with the system in the United States.

MIROSLAV MOCOVSIC (Bratislava) reported about research work on the history of sciences, mathematics, and technology in the Slovak Republic.

STEVE RUSS (Warwick) talked about the history of mathematics in computer sciences, and about two conferences in 1989 and 1990 on the problems and the tasks of history of mathematics.

ANNETTE VOGT (Berlin) described the activities of Karl Weierstrass at the University of Berlin and his concept of teaching mathematics.

### Journée sur la théorie des proportions

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